

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1-15 have been amended and claims 16-20. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks made herein into the file history of the present application.

Applicants have amended claims 1-15 to conform to U.S. practice and to removed multiple dependencies. Support for the above amendments may be found throughout the specification as originally filed, notably at 1-15. Support for new claim 16 may be found in claim 3, as originally filed. Support for new claim 17 may be found in claim 4, as originally filed. Support for new claims 18-19 may be found in claim 5, as originally filed. Support for new claim 20 may be found in claim 8, as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

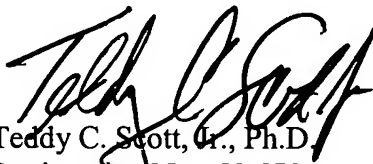
Applicants respectfully submits that the instant application is in good and proper order for allowance and early notification to this effect is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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